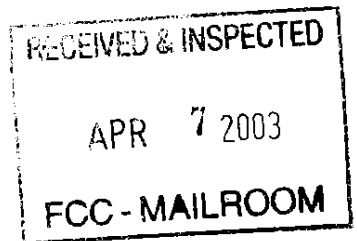


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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45
High Cost Loop Support
Initial Certification Filing

This is to certify pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§54.313 and 54.314 that NPCR, Inc., d/b/a Nextel Partners, will use any Universal Service High Cost Loop Support received in 2003 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of Nextel Partners. This certification is for the following study areas in the **State of Louisiana**:

270423 Centurytel-Centr LA
270424 Centurytel-SE LA
270425 Cameron Tel Co-LA
270426 Campti-Pleasant Hill
270428 Delcambre Tel Co.
270430 Elizabeth Tel Co
270431 Centurytel-NW LA
270432 Kaplan Tel Co.
270434 Centurytel-Evangelin
270435 Northeast Louisiana
270436 Century North LA
270439 Centurytel-Ringgold
270440 Centurytel-East LA
270441 Star Tel Co.
270442 Centurytel-SW LA

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